

Faith Formation 2021-2022

After a tumultuous year of dealing with COVID-19, we are so excited to resume in person faith formation classes for this upcoming school year. As your new faith formation coordinator, I am striving to develop and provide the best curriculum for all faith formation classes, as well as integrate more catholic doctrine into our curriculum. In this ever-changing world we live in, we must provide students with a solid foundation for their faith and to give them the tools they need to succeed.

But specifically, how do we do this?

We first must support our youth, and that begins at home. While faith formation volunteers can teach students the foundational values and doctrine of the church, parents must actively work to encourage those values at home. Engage your child in stimulating discussion about what they are learning in their classes, and how it is applicable to their life. There are a plethora of resources for youth on the Archdiocese of Seattle website, and be on the lookout for information shared with you from the faith formation office. Learning is a lifelong journey, and by actively engaging in the education of your child, your own faith will grow exponentially. As the 2021-2022 year continues, we will begin to host more family and youth related events to help grow and strengthen our community. We also hope to engage with catholic youth outside our parish, to help foster and build catholic community within the Northern Deanery, as well as strengthen bonds between the children of St. Joseph and St. Peter.

Parent Guidelines:

To create an effective partnership between the St. Joseph and St. Peter Faith Formation team and the families we serve, we ask for your assistance with the following:

- a. Ensure that your child completes their lessons every Sunday, we collect workbooks at the end of the year to confirm completion and review their online work and participation
- b. Communicate with the Office regarding any special needs and assistance should be address promptly.
- c. Be active in your child's learning: ask them questions about their lessons, help them memorize their prayers, assist with their lessons where needed.
- d. Attend and participate on Sunday and Holy Day liturgies with your child
- e. Actively read, and respond when necessary, to all communication from Catechists and Administrators
- f. Be an example of faith to inspire your child

Curriculum:

Pre-K-K:

We will use the *SEEDS* curriculum from Pflaum Publishing. This colorful and engaging curriculum has been a hit in the past.

1-6th:

Will use the Alive in Christ series from Ignatius press.

Sacraments:

We will be using the *Signs of Grace: You are Loved, and You are Forgiven* from Ignatius press.

Confirmation:

Will use the Alive in Christ Series from Ignatius press.

9-12th

Highschool Students will use Youcat, the bible and other online resources to strengthen their faith and be supported by community leaders.

Confirmation:

We will use the Youcat confirmation books along with other supplemental texts.

Students will be charged a fee of \$30 to cover the cost of books and supplies. *Scholarships are available for those in need.*

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to our faith formation coordinator

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